

CAMERA READY TIPS

for Your Picture-Taking Readers



Preserve Christmas memories by recording family activities on film. Keep a camera handy during the holidays.

HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR ON-CAMERA MEMOIRS

Memories of Christmas are enjoyed throughout the year. In pictures, they can be retold vividly.

It is easy to take good holiday pictures. A few tips may help you make the best of the photo opportunities.

Encompass Color

Christmas is a natural for color, so let stockings reds, bobbles blues and evergreens shine in your pictures. Look for camera angles that will include holiday trim.

Step Into Action

A ready camera is most likely

to catch good action shots. Load your camera with stock like Kodachrome II film for prints, and keep it handy. Spur-of-the-moment exposures of culinary preparations, trimmings and friendly get-togethers will serve well in remembering your varied family activities.

Emotions Tell Tales

Build your Christmas story by photographing facial expressions associated with anticipation, surprise and the enjoyment of Santa's loot, in close-up pictures. Your camera manual is the best guide

to how close your photo equipment can get to subjects without blurring faces. With children, your best results will come from close-ups at eye level.

Complement Subjects

Busy people look natural and relaxed in pictures. Complement family and friends by recording them involved in conversation or play. Even your camera-shy subjects will delight in the results.

When you take a little care in shooting holiday pictures, you produce visual memories that are a joy to share.

Projector Available

A 16mm Sound Movie Projector is now available to community organizations at the Port Rowan Public Library, which is now open fifteen hours a week.

A number of books recently added to the Library at Port Rowan include the following: "The Sparrows Fall", and "The Mating Call", by Fred Bodsworth; "Cage of Gold", and "Castle in the trees", by

Rachel Lindsay, and ten books by Helen MacInnes, including "Hidden Boundary", and "Walk in the Paradise Garden". Other authors well represented in the selection are Frank G. Slaughter, Kay Thorpe, Violet Winspapper, and Katrina Brett. Also included are "The Spy Who Came In From The Cold" by John LeCarre; "Up the Down Sta-

ircase", by Bel Kaufmans; "Asylum For The Queen", Mildred Jordan; "The Hawk and the Dove", Ann Hampson; "The Tangled Web", Maxine Dale; "My Heart's A Dancer", Roberta Leigh; "Laird of Gaela", Mary Wiberley; "Shane", Jack Schaefer; "No Highway", Nevil Shute; and "The Old Dog Barks Backwards" by Ogden Nash.

Port Rowan Notes

Decorated tables and a Christmas Tree gave a festive air to the supper meeting of the Past Noble Grands of the Uplift Rebekah Lodge, held on December 1st at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hall, Port Rowan. Twelve members and two visitors attended.

Mrs. Cyril Wright was in charge of serving the turkey and pot-luck supper, assisted by Mrs. Elmer Gates, Mrs. Gordon Philp and Mrs. Leslie McGuigan.

All were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Violet Eckert, who opened the meeting in the usual manner with the Lord's prayer in unison. The Devotional was presented by Mrs. Martha Howe, and Mrs. Leon Schram.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Wright, and Mrs. Wilfred Snook reported a gift sent to a recently bereaved member.

Election of officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Howe; offices of Vice-President and Ways and Means Convenor will be filled at a later date. Bazaar Sheets were handed out to each member in preparation for a fund raising event to be held next fall.

Names were drawn for Past Grands' Night at regular Lodge.

Contests and games were enjoyed at the close of the business session, when prize winners were Mrs. Snook and Mrs. James Grimster. Prizes for the lucky plate, lucky cup, and lucky chair were won by Mrs. Basil Howey, Mrs. John Taylor and Mrs. Snook.

An exchange of Christmas gifts wound up the evening. Oliver Thompson of Hamilton was a guest recently of Mr. and Mrs. Ekins Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kay, and Jamie of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson and Jennifer, of St. Catharines, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Wingrove, Jason and Jill, of Tillsonburg, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson.

The Sunday School Christmas Party of Neal Memorial United Sunday School is planned for December 17 at 6:00 p.m., starting with a potluck supper followed by a program of entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus. Members of the congregation are invited to come and share in the fellowship.

Baptist Ladies Aid

The Baptist Ladies Aid held the Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. George Stewart. Mrs. J.W. Reeves, welcomed the guest, and opened the meeting with the singing of carols, and a brief devotional based on Matthew 2:1-12, "Let us give Him our faith, trust, hope and love", also, for only our best is a gift good enough for "The Christ", she said.

During the business session, the Secretary, Mrs. Chester Thompson, acting in the absence of Mrs. George Backus, and the Treasurer, Mrs. John Feere, gave their reports, which approved. A letter of appreciation was

read from Mrs. Leon Schram, thanking the Aid for a gift sent on the occasion of her 50th wedding anniversary.

Sunshine Convenor, Mrs. Charles LaChapelle, reported on cards sent to the sick and shut-ins, and all present signed a card to be sent to a very faithful member of the group who has had a lengthy illness.

Talent money was turned in, in response to roll call by the Treasurer; the amount received was augmented by donations from friends interested in the work of the Aid. The "Birthday Box" - contents of which to go to the church mission, was opened.

The Aid plans to send gifts at Christmas to its close friends at the Norfolk Nursing Home and at Rest Haven. The usual remembrances are to be sent to the church choir and the staff.

Mrs. Schram led in the closing devotion, based on John 1:1-16, "and the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us".

Mrs. Reeves expressed appreciation to the officers and members of the Aid for their support and co-operation throughout the year.

Mrs. Howard Moulton assisted the traveling basket convenor, Mrs. Stewart, by displaying the articles for sale. A satisfactory sum was realized.

A highlight of the afternoon was the pleasure members felt at having Mrs. J.C. Backus, who is 92 years of age, with them for their Christmas meeting, and all enjoyed the stories she related of church activities in former years.

Tea was served by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Schram at a table beautifully decorated with a Christmas centerpiece and candles. They were assisted by Mrs. Madeline White.

Courtesy remarks were given by the president, who thanked the hostesses and all who helped to make this Christmas meeting such a pleasant one.

Spirit of Christmas
In tune with the spirit of Christmas, we extend our note of thanks.

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Viewing the News



Who votes for strikes?

Here in Canada, we rather pride ourselves that labor unions are democratic organizations, structured to ascertain and obtain, so far as possible, the desires of members. Common practice is that executive officers are elected in campaigns, during which alternative policies may be advocated by candidates. Subsequently, the elected executive commonly submits major decisions for ratification or rejection by vote of the rank and file.

Before postal workers were called out on strike in mid-October, the union executive ordered a poll of members. It announced that the vote had been 69 percent in favor of strike action. It also revealed that ballots had been cast by 65.5 percent of members.

Simple arithmetic shows that the vote of union members was not as decisive as the union leaders represented. Out of a total of 22,000 workers, only 9,943 or 45.2 percent voted to authorize strike action. Pressed to clarify its claim of overwhelming support for its recommendation of a strike, pressed to indicate how the vote had gone in locals across the nation, the executive said a union by-law forbade disclosure of details.

Subsequently, after the strike began, negotiations were resumed and an improved offer was made by the postal authorities. A number of locals across the country indicated that their members wanted an opportunity to vote on the new offer.

Commission on Election Contributions

The Commission on Election Contributions and expenses has held 15 meetings since it was appointed on May 8th, 1975. Most meetings deal with a very full agenda and occupy an entire day.

At the meeting on November 18th, the Commission dealt with some 25 matters.

Consideration is being given to the subject of amendments to The Election Finances Reform Act which the Commission administers. Section 4 of the Act provides that one of the responsibilities of the Commission is to recommend any amendments to the Act that the Commission considers advisable.

The experience of the Commission in applying the provisions of the Act during the recent election campaign has brought to light a number of areas where it is felt the Act could be improved by amendment. The next meeting of the Commission on December 10th will be devoted mainly to specific proposals for amendment and additional meetings will likely be necessary to deal with this matter so that the Commission will be prepared to present any amendments agreed upon to the Legislature at the opening of the 1976 session.

With respect to amendments, the Commission has received a number of suggestions from candidates, party officials, chief financial officers, members of the Legislature and the public. The experience of candidates and party workers in the election has afforded them a view of the working of the Act which the Commission feels will be helpful.

Accordingly, it was decided to publish an advertisement to invite proposals for amendment of the Act with the request that such material be received not later than February 15th, 1976.

The Commission with the help of legal counsel and auditors had prepared and issued guidelines for candidates, party officials, chief financial officers and chartered accountants to assist them in carrying out their duties under the Act. The input which should be forthcoming as a result of the

election campaign experience will also have a bearing on the modification of these guidelines.

Up to this point in time in its administration of the Act, the Commission finds that there has been a sincere effort by party officials and candidates to comply with the Act. There have been only a very few infractions and these are of a minor nature, resulting from ignorance of the requirements of the Act or inadvertent negligence and not by reason of any deliberate intent to evade or contravene. In each case the Commission carried out a complete investigation and notified those who had erred of its decision.

A suggestion was received from a number of sources that the Commission should arrange for meetings of chief financial officers and review with them any problems they may have encountered during the campaign, to answer questions and clarify any matters which are of doubtful meaning. A meeting for this purpose has been arranged for December 16th in Committee Rooms 1 and 2 of the Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Road at 8 p.m. for the representatives of five Scarborough constituencies. Commission staff, including members of the Legislature and other interested persons will attend.

Many of the items which engage the attention of the Commission are concerned with the legality of activities contemplated by constituency associations and with the interpretation of the language of the Act relating thereto. Meetings such as that planned for December 16th should help to resolve many of these matters for the future.

The Act requires the chief financial officer of every political party, constituency association and candidate registered under the Act to file a financial return of receipts and expenses relating to the election during the campaign period, together with an auditor's report thereon, this to be done within six months after polling day. The postal workers strike has undoubtedly delayed the receipt of such

The executive refused, saying it would be irresponsible to test views of members a second time. There is still some money there and we are going to get it, the national vice-president stated.

Although the laws that give unions legal status and protection in Canada require them to adopt the electoral process, they leave it very largely to the unions to decide, each for itself, how that process will be carried out. Voting may or may not be by secret ballot; freedom of discussion is not everywhere assured; a national union, such as the postal union, is not obliged to provide figures for analysis.

For the most part, unions in Canada have conducted and interpreted voting fairly. But there have been a number of instances of voters being intimidated, of discussion being throttled, of executives claiming majority support when it was less than clear-cut. In view of this, it is strange that some governments in Canada contemplate further "liberalization" of union electoral procedures.

This is all the more strange in that, increasingly, governments now are forcing workers either to join unions, or to accept them as their representatives in all dealings with management, and to pay dues which the union executive can use to promote the special interests of trade unionism.

One of these interests is to try to establish that laws and generally accepted rules of social behavior do not apply to unions in Canada. The use of violence and of abusive language and threats, the distortion of facts and figures, all are considered to be proper means of gaining union ends.

Claims that such activities are justifiable when used by unions can lead to some odd situations. As the activities of the postal union have shown, the desires and opinions of substantial minorities are not regarded as worthy of serious consideration. Yet the leaders of the postal union have protested vigorously that the anti-inflationary guidelines recently introduced by the government as a national measure were discriminatory and should not apply to trade unions, which represent only about 35 percent - a minority - of Canadian workers.

returns but a number have been received and it is anticipated most will come to hand shortly. The subsidy to candidates provided for by the Act can not be paid until the candidate's financial return has been received and

examined so there is an incentive for the candidate to file his return promptly.

The Commission will receive and examine a total of 868 financial returns in the next few weeks so that busy days lie ahead.

Rhineland News

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson of Tillsonburg and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Laurverier of Stratfordville were birthday dinner guests of Mrs. Doris McKoy on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herman attended the Aylmer Choir Christmas presentation at First Baptist Church in Tillsonburg on Wednesday evening.

Lutheran Youth Group met on Wednesday night for their regular meeting and rehearsal of their play.

Several from here attended the annual parents nights at Delhi Secondary School on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Doris McKoy and Mrs. P. Livingstone attended the Golden Age Group Christmas party at the United Church in Courtland on Wednesday. After a delicious trucey dinner a program of Scripture, readings,

and prayer interspersed with Christmas Carols were enjoyed. Also there was an exchange of gifts. There were 19 present.

Lutheran Life Association held their annual Christmas party on Sunday evening at St. Peter's Church Hall. Program, was a play. Instrumental numbers and Christmas music and carols. Members and friends of the congregations of St. Peter's Delhi and St. Luke's Tillsonburg were invited to come and take part. Lunch was served at the close.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herman were guests at Coyle Motors Christmas party at Mil Mar Manor on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnes and family of Woodstock were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. P. Livingstone.

We wish all our readers a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Wishes

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Place subjects off-center in your viewfinder for pleasing photo results.

Compose a Symphony of Color by arranging Fall on film

When nature blooms with autumnal color, grab your camera and head for the hills, parks, and countryside. Save seasonal experiences on film by using composition techniques.

Where, how and what subjects get framed in your camera viewfinder are your creative choices in photo composition. The following tips may help you pick the best of the season.

Point of Interest

Whether you are recording landscapes or your favorite people, include a focal point of interest in each shot. Mentally divide your camera viewfinder into thirds, with lines running horizontally and vertically. Place your featured subject or activity onto one of the four places where the lines intersect.

Examine Angles

A straight-on, eye level

aim is only one of countless angles from which to photograph. Investigate angular possibilities by moving around subjects.

Close-in on Fun

Branches laden with color and mountains of fallen foliage are ideal settings for close-ups. Capture a young tree-climber by composing an overhanging branch in the foreground of your shot. Click the shutter release button as a grinning face emerges from a mound of leaves or peeks out from behind a tree.

By composing Fall on film creatively, you can tune-in to vivid memories throughout the year. Additional ideas are available in publication AC-11, "Composition". For a free copy, write to Editorial Service Bureau, Kodak Canada Ltd., 3500 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto, Ontario M6M 1V3.

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